FEB 0 1 2002 S 15 HOUSENLEH 1600/2900 ITIOS OR EXTENSIONOF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) **SBI-073** (Large Entity) In Re Application Of: Thorne, et al Group Art Unit Examiner Filing Date Serial No. 1651 Guttman, Harry J. 12/22/2000 09/746,921 Invention: SYNTHETIC ALTERNATIVES TO DEMINERALIZED BONE MATRIX ADDITIVES TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action November 1, 2001 above-identified application. of The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired): ☐ Five months ☐ Four months ☐ Two months ☐ Three months ☑ One month January 1, 2002 until: December 1, 2001 from: Date Date and is to be paid as follows: The fee for the extension of time is \$110 ு அது heck in the amount of the fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 09-0473 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. ☑ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 09-0473 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Dated: 12/20/01

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